You may be surprised to see by the Emancipation, that our Act has passed A. S. Institutions. A great gain for Barre.

N.B. I wish my inquiries to be private.

Rev. E. D. Moore

July 16. 1842

Barre June 16. 1842.

Dear Br. Phelps.

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I write to make some inquiry ~~of~~ about the city mission. How much connection have you with it, & is that connection permanent? Is another man wanted to fill the place which you have filled, & if so should I be wanted? You may wonder why I wish to leave the place I have. For only one reason in the world. I am in debt. & with my present income I cannot get out. Affairs in my society are easy, but an effort to raise the salary wd be troublesome & useless. Five hundred dollars & a house, is a decent living, & I can dispond if possible to do something that will enable me to "pay off". What can I do? You can appreciate my feelings I suppose, for you have had a touch of the same kind of trouble. The city mission has occurred to me, & I wd engage in it if desired, & if the income were such as to meet my wants. If you can give me the requisite information, & I will thank you to do so soon.

Wife is well & joins me in love to you & your family. Wish very much you wd come & make us a visit, all of you.

Yours truly E. D. Moore.